THE KING'S CHRONICLES

AUTUMN ONE - 2025

Sixth Form visit London by Lily Brady (13DAVIS)

Our three-day Sixth Form trip to London was a fantastic opportunity to explore the city - from free time for evening meals in Leicester Square and Covent Garden to visiting landmarks such as Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Tower Bridge, and cruising the River Thames. We also visited the National Portrait Gallery, the Science Museum, and the Natural History Museum. A highlight for me was the Apollo Victoria Theatre's West End production of "Wicked" - the costumes, music, and acting brought the story to life (Mr Elliot and Mr Skerry seemed to enjoy it too!). It was a trip full of unforgettable moments and lasting memories.

Follow the Sixth Form journey on our dedicated Instagram: **@KingsAcademyESF6**

Get ready to bend and snap! Tickets are now on sale for Legally Blonde Jr., hitting the stage Wednesday 26–Friday 28 November. Join Elle Woods and her fabulous friends in this fun, upbeat musical that celebrates self-confidence, friendship, and staying true to yourself. Filled with catchy songs, laughter, and heart, this production is perfect for audiences of all ages. Don't miss your chance to see this pink-powered performance live, seats are limited and selling fast!

Show Dates: 26–28 November. To book tickets, please click HERE.

Get your tickets now and experience the magic of Legally Blonde Jr!

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Year 10 Ouseburn, Newcastle

by Mr Love, Head of Geography

I thought it was worthwhile expressing how well the Year 10 Geographers did on their field trips recently. The students collected primary data on the success of regeneration at Ouseburn in Newcastle.

The students represented the school, their teachers and themselves brilliantly. They worked very hard, were diligent and had extremely positive interactions with members of the public.

Geography teachers all commented on how well they had picked up the fieldwork techniques, the excellent questions they were asking and how well they conducted themselves.

Anyone for Tennis?

by Miss Gunner, Learning Support Assistant

On Tuesday 14 October we took a group of our DHI students to join schools across the North East in a DHI tennis competition. We had a wonderful day seeing old friends and integrating with a wider deaf community. We have 4 winners pictured with their medals; Fraser H runner up for younger boys, Ellis R runner up for older boys, Eve W overall winner for younger girls and Yelda R runner up for older girls. A special mention to Violet B and Laciee C who made sure to include another BSL user from a different school who was struggling to understand a hearing tennis coach. Well done to all students involved!

European Day of Languages

by Ms Gibson, Teacher of Languages

The King's Academy celebrations of European Day of Languages began a day early when, on Thursday 25 September, three Year 8 classes were visited by ambassadors from Newcastle University for workshops linking language learning with the world of work. Students impressed with their interest, engagement and inciteful questions to find out more about the possibilities and routes available.

The actual European Day of Languages, Friday 26 September, saw the Academy adopting some French chic, as this was our chosen feature language. Walls were adorned with useful everyday French phrases, spawning a range of conversations. Classrooms were labelled in French and the MFL department was festooned with bunting, but the big attraction was the food! Mrs Gibbons had done the Academy proud with croissants for many arriving through the main door and baguette and chocolate tasters during the day. Staff shared their linguistic knowledge with students and hosted a French-style masked singer during tutor time. At lunch, the French food theme continued with French onion soup and Croque Monsieur available in the restaurants. Everyone got in the spirit of the day; holding a door for a sixth former, the reply was a cheerful 'merci'!

Lunchtime also saw the inaugural house pétanque competition (French bowls). All the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in this event played with verve and good-natured competitiveness. There were also some pretty good 'boule chuckers!' amongst each of the House teams. It was lovely to see everyone getting so thoroughly involved and experiencing a day of French language and culture!

Welcome to our new Year 7s

What I think about King's

At my time at King's so far I have enjoyed many different things. This consists of practicals in different subjects (food tech, art and the most interesting subject, science). I also have enjoyed attending and watching clubs such as astronomy club and watching my friends play after school football. I have really enjoyed my time here so far!

DM (7YOUNG)

I am enjoying new lessons like science, French and computer science. I am looking forward to trying food tech, engineering, sports day and activities week.

JM (7WHITE)

I really enjoyed the house competitions, especially Cross Country. I did very well. You get points for your house and at the end of the year the house with the most points wins a trophy. There are over 20 events in the year. It really helped me get along with other people.

EH (7HOUSAMBENNETT)

I have liked Year 7 because it's fun and makes me happy. All teachers are so supportive. In my primary school we were in two classes but here I like going to multiple classes and finding them is fun. I also like the amount of activities and clubs in the school. Overall I love the school.

LS (7KING)

I am a student with ADHD and Dyslexia and this school has helped me so much. I really like all of my lessons but my favourites are Drama and PE because they are very active lessons.

ZW (7KING)

Since coming to the King's Academy I have been made to feel so welcome and all of the teachers are so nice. One of my favourite things is the wide range of lessons and extra curricular activities. I also really like the house assembly and hearing what exciting trips and events are coming up.

LD (7KING)

On Thursday 9 October I was a part of the Year 6 Open Evening. While I was there I had two jobs: belt my heart out singing and give a speech to Year 6 parents. In the music rooms we started singing quietly. I felt super uncomfortable then slowly we got more comfortable to the point where five people started doing group solos. While they were straining their voices I was playing the keyboard. After I finished the 'Amazing' piece I went in the singing circle and sang the best song, "Dear Theodosia" from "Hamilton" which you should listen to. It was a theatre kids dream! From "Wicked" to "Hamilton" all the way to "KPop Demon Hunters". It was the best night I'd ever had and it really helped me settle in.
JI (7HOUSAMBENNETT)

In the King's Academy I have enjoyed all my lessons. It was a big change but I am enjoying my time so far. I ran cross country and came first out of the girls and fifth out of everyone. House events are so much fun.
CI (7WHITE)

The King's Academy is a school that, yes, can be strict but they go above and beyond for other things like house competitions eg. cross country and all the extra-curricular activities such as netball and the school production of "Legally Blonde". To summarise, the King's Academy is a school that has reached beyond my expectations. I love it!
AE (7WHITE)

When I first started Year 7 I was nervous like everyone else but as I settled in I became more and more confident. My first favourite thing was helping at the Y6 Open Evening because I was in my favourite subject, Art. I enjoyed talking to people who like the same things as me. My second favourite thing is the Cross Country. I've never done it before. It was hard but I thought I did really well.
LH (7CAMPBELL)

Since I came to the King's I've enjoyed so many things such as the extra curricular activities, as well as new subjects such as food technology. Every teacher is very nice; it feels like home.
IN (7YOUNG)

I've really enjoyed my time at King's. I competed in the cross country and the runs (more like walks) through the forest were nicer than I expected. The wide variety of lessons is great and they are so many brilliant reads in the library. There is definitely something for everyone here.
AM (7YOUNG)

Year 11 Hit the Ground Running with Exam Prep!

Year 11 students have made a strong start to the school year with a real focus on preparing for their upcoming exams. Things kicked off with a highly successful Revision Evening, where students and their parents joined staff to find out the best ways to tackle revision. Each student received a personalised revision guide, and subject teachers were available to share top tips tailored to their subjects.

Many families also took advantage of the chance to buy revision guides through ParentPay - still available at a discounted price for those who haven't yet made a purchase.

In school, students have attended weekly Revision Skills workshops. These sessions helped students get organised by showing them how to create effective revision timetables and start building useful flashcards and other revision resources. The level of focus and engagement shown by students has been impressive!

Looking ahead, there's more support planned. After the mock exams, students will attend further Revision Skills workshops that explore different revision strategies specifically tailored to English, maths and science. Plus, during the upcoming Year 11 Parents' Evening, there will be opportunity to speak to teachers regarding students' effort and engagement and how to further improve - an excellent opportunity to learn how to boost revision at home.

With such a strong start, Year 11 are well on their way to exam success!

Mrs Lamport, Assistant Vice Principal

Exemplary Exam Conduct

Year 11 students have demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout their first rehearsal examinations, showing a high level of maturity, focus, and respect for the examination process. They arrived punctually, followed all instructions carefully, and maintained a calm and orderly environment that was conducive to achieving their personal best. Invigilators and staff noted their positive attitude and the seriousness with which they approached each exam. Their conduct reflected a strong sense of responsibility and commitment to their studies, and they should be commended for their exemplary behaviour during this important period. **Mr Fox, Director of Examinations and Assessment**

On the Road to Nissan

On Thursday 25 September, a small group of Year 11 Engineering students visited the Nissan plant in Sunderland for an exciting educational trip. During the visit, students observed the state-of-the-art production line and gained insights into real-world automotive manufacturing processes. The day also included a hands-on engineering challenge, where students designed and built balloon-powered cars. The competition was a highlight of the trip, with Jack Clayton and Will Heminsley emerging as the winners for creating the fastest and most efficient balloon-powered car. The visit offered valuable experience and inspiration for future engineering careers. **Miss White, Teacher of Engineering**

Exhibition of Student Talent

On Tuesday 7 October The King's Academy celebrated the achievements of our GCSE and A-level Art, Textiles, Engineering, Food and Music students in our annual 'Exhibition of Student Talent'. It was wonderful to see our alumni students return to view the exhibition, many of whom have stayed at King's to study A-level Fine Art. And it was encouraging to see our younger key stage 3 artists taking Inspiration from the outstanding range of work on display. The musical performances made the evening extra special, but the highlight, as always, were the delicious treats provided by the Food department and their students.

Mr Morris, Head of Creative Arts

IRIS Awards

On Thursday 16 October a group of students travelled to London to attend the Institute for Research in Schools (IRIS) awards at the Francis Crick institute. The Y9 students completed an IRIS project last year on biodiversity and designing pitfall traps, which was nominated for 'Best KS3 project'. Although, the students didn't win the award they were highly commended for their outstanding work. The awards celebrated the hard work and high level of engagement of students with extracurricular projects. On Friday 17 October students visited the Natural History Museum and the research labs below the main visitor area, seeing the scanning electron microscopes and micro CT scanners. Well done to all the students who completed an IRIS project last year.

Mrs Dean and Mr Cameron, Science department

We were delighted to learn that Mrs Dean (Head of Physics) was awarded the Outstanding Teacher prize at the awards ceremony for her work in inspiring students to engage in science outside the classroom. As well as starting no less than seven different research projects in school (and inspiring other teachers to get involved), she has sought out multiple opportunities for students to engage with organisations outside the school, including the Bragg Centre for Materials Research at Leeds University. Congratulations to Mrs Dean on this thoroughly well-deserved award!

Headstarters

Since we returned in September a small group of our Headstart students have taken part in a 'Dragons Den' style pitch for the opportunity to win a grant for the school. This grant would then be used to support positive mental health within the academy.

Students had a gruelling interview and were asked some very intense questions throughout. But I am pleased to say that the Key + panel were very impressed with our students and, without hesitation, gave them the excellent news that they had been accepted for the grant.

They will have multiple opportunities to pitch for more grants in the stages to follow but for now we are so proud of these students who have put lots of hard work into this presentation!

The students who took part were, Pippa Beattie, Destinii Brookes, Sophie Jones, Holly Jarvis, Bethany Pountney and Frankie Clement. Eva Reese Davies was excused on the day due to illness but still helped massively in the run up to the interview.

Mrs Atkinson, ELSA

National Poetry Day - Thursday 2 October

National Poetry Day 2025 took place on October 2nd with the national theme of "Play". Students celebrated in a number of ways throughout the week. Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Scard hosted a poetry workshop in the library where students wrote their own original poems. It was great to see so many students enjoying their writing and listening to others perform. Lessons in Year 7 and Year 8 were adapted to incorporate poetry that celebrated ideas and themes in their current texts. In addition, Mrs Blair encouraged all tutor groups and staff to write and promote poetry. A real celebration!

Mrs Hutchinson, Teacher of English

SPARE COATS AND JUMPERS?

We are collecting warm coats and jumpers that are in good condition to donate to the Wrap Up Middlesbrough campaign.

Monday 20 October - Friday 7 November

Please bring any donations into school and give them to your tutor.
They will be given to families in need.
Thank you.

WRAP UP MIDDLESBROUGH
WARM A HEART, GIVE A COAT
Working with Rotary Great Britain & Ireland and Hands On London

KING'S SPORTS NEWS

Stay up-to-date with our weekly Sports News over on our social media pages @KingsAcademyESF

ESF Lions

Six Year 10 Students were selected to represent the ESF Lions on their annual tour to Keswick. The 2025 team was made up of students from The King's Academy, Christ's College, Grace College, Emmanuel College and Bede Academy. The first fixture against Dame Allen's was played on the afternoon of the very first day so the team had very little time to prepare. Regardless of this, the Lions team managed to score three early tries and took a commanding lead. Dame Allen's showed their class and managed to pull the game back level at half time. More tries were traded in the second half with a single conversion being the difference between both sides.

The next day brought about more training followed by a trip to Go Ape and an evening bowling before the second fixture of the tour on the third day. The second fixture saw the Lions take on an experienced Nelson Tomlinson side from Wigton. Nelson Tomlinson started well and the lions fought hard to remain in the game. The final score was 33-10. One of the Lions tries came from our very own Isaac Varey.

This year's King's Academy students were Alfie Y, George S, Josh P, Ralph P, Isaac V and this year's ESF Lions Captain, Jonny S.

All students were a credit to the academy. They played really well, were impeccably behaved and it was a privilege to take them on tour.

Mr Lynch, Head of PE

Years 7, 8 and 9 Rugby Tournament

October was a very busy month for Rugby with each year group taking part in separate year group tournaments.

Over 30 boys represented the King's Academy in Friday night ruby competitions. They played at Middlesbrough Rugby Club against Acklam Grange, Trinity and All Saints schools. They competed with courage and determination in every game and represented the Academy very well. Many were playing their first competitive rugby games, but they worked hard to compete against all the schools. Well done boys.

Mr Tilson, Head of Engineering and part time rugby coach

House Cross Country

The King's Academy held its first house event of the year — the House Cross Country. All four houses were well represented, with enthusiastic participation from students across Year 7 to Sixth Form. It was a fantastic turnout and a great start to the house competitions. Everyone is now looking forward to the next sporting house event: Rugby, taking place this week.

Mrs Henry-Shaw, PE

Key Dates

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November	
Monday 3	Students return on site by 8.20am House Art Launch
Thursday 6	Sixth Form Open Evening (5-7pm)
Monday 10	House Event—Creative Writing Launch
Tuesday 11 - Thursday 13	House Netball (Tue Y9/10, Wed Y7, Thu Y8)
Wednesday 19	Year 11 Parents Evening (3.45—7pm)
Tuesday 25 - Thursday 27	House Table Tennis (Tue Y9/10, Wed Y7, Thu Y8)
Wednesday 26 - Friday 28	Legally Blonde Jr
December	
Wednesday 3	House Table Tennis (Y11/SF) Auditions for Christmas Concert
Tuesday 9	Metrocentre Trip (Y8 and Y9)
Wednesday 10	Sixth Form York Trip
Thursday 11	Christmas Carol Service
Tuesday 16	Year 7 Film Night Metrocentre Trip (Y10 and Y11)
Wednesday 17	Christmas Concert (5.30-7.30pm)
Friday 19	End of Term
January	
Tuesday 6	Students return on site by 8.20am

Meals Accounts: Please can we respectfully remind parents and carers that the price of a 2 course school lunch is now £2.75 per day. Drinks are charged extra. To avoid problems please therefore ensure that you add sufficient funds every week via ParentPay to cover your child's weekly costs (minimum of £13.75). If you are struggling financially your child may be entitled to Free School Meals. If you are unsure please make an online application here. An application takes 2 minutes to do and may save you £500 per child per year.

Water bottles: Please can we remind parents/ carers to ensure that their child is sent to school with a clear, refillable, wide opening, leakproof reusable water bottle. These can be obtained inexpensively and should be filled with water before your child leaves home and carried in their school bag throughout the school day. The bottle can then be refilled from the water machines in the restaurants at lunchtime. For hygiene reasons, a single use narrow opening plastic water bottle is not suitable as it could lead to cross contamination of germs via the water dispensers.

Grey Jumpers: Please can we remind parents/ carers that students are permitted to and may wish to wear a plain, grey v necked jumper under their blazer as outside temperatures fall at this time of year. Please see the Uniform section of our website for further details.

Vacancy: Cleaning Assistant 15 hours per week Term Time Plus 1 Week

3.30-6.30pm Monday to Thursday 2.45-5.45pm Friday

Actual salary £8,178

Closing date 7 November 2025

Cleaning Assistant at The King's Academy, Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire | MyNewTerm

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Contact details for external agencies during the half term holidays.

If parents/carers need to access external support during the holidays, they can contact:

Stronger Families (Early Help): 01642 726 004. Stronger Families are able to support with: drug and alcohol issues; domestic abuse; mental health issues; money and housing problems; bereavement; relationship problems; children's health, development and behaviour.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS): 0300 2000 000. CAMHS provides assessment and appropriate treatment or intervention for children and young people up to their 18th birthday who are experiencing mental health problems, with the aim of positive mental health promotion.

Details of other support services can be accessed via the following links:

Children and Families - Middlesbrough Children Matter

Children, families, and safeguarding | Middlesbrough Council